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REQUEST FORM AND FORMALITIES PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FOR
FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No.09/206,161 filed on **December 7, 1998**, entitled **CLOSED HEAT-DECOMPOSING APPLIANCE, PRETREATMENT METHOD OF SAMPLE USING IT, ANALYTICAL METHOD AND DEVICE THEREFOR** by the following inventor(s):

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Enclosed is a copy of the prior application including the Declaration as originally filed.

- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ Cancel claim(s) for purposes of lessening filing fees.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ **This application is filed under Rule 53(f) and therefore the no filing fee is enclosed.**

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended by 1 and/or 2 above.

Basic Fee			\$355	\$710
Total Claims	13	- 20 = 0	x 9 = \$	x 18 = \$
Ind. Claims	1	- 3 = 0	x 40 = \$	x 80 = \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims			+135 = \$	+ 270 = \$
Total			\$	\$

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed.
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
- -This is a continuation of application no. 09/206,161, filed December 7, 1998.- -

7. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27:
a) ☐ was claimed by way of a declaration filed in prior application Serial No. *.
b) ☐ is claimed by way of the attached declaration.
8. ☒ Priority of application No. **9-336132**, filed on **December 5, 1997**, in **Japan**, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
a) ☒ Certified copy is on file in prior application no. **09/206,161**.
b) ☐ Certified copy filed herewith.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to **TOSOH CORPORATION**, of **Yamaguchi-ken, JAPAN**.
10. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following:

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a) ☒ The power appears in the original papers of the prior application.
b) ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
11. ☒ Petition to extend the life of the above prior application to at least the date hereof
NOTE: ☒ (One box) ☒ is being concurrently filed in that prior application.
(must be) ☐ was previously filed in that application.
(X'd) ☐ is not necessary.
- If a Petition for Extension of Time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)(1)-(5) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358.
12. ☐ New formal drawings are enclosed.
13. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of each Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form USPTO 1449 that was filed in a prior application relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.
14. ☒ Enclosed is a copy each Form USPTO 892 that was filed in a prior application relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120.
15. ☐ Also enclosed is:

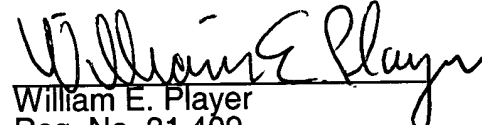
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